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CARRIED OFF BY EAGLE.

A dispatch from London says: While a little girl about 18 months old, the only daughter of a young Sutherlandshire crofter, living about a mile from Inver-shin station, on the Highland Railway, was playing at her father's cottage door on Saturday evening, an eagle swooped down, gripped her in its claws and carried her off to the mountains, where, some hours later, her dead and mutilated body was found by a gamekeeper. At first there was no clue to the mystery of her sudden disappearance. The little one had been playing in the sunshine while her mother was baking bread, and her father was still at work in the fields. When the mother looked for the child and could not find it searching parties were organized, as it was supposed gypsies had carried off the little one.

Meanwhile, a gamekeeper's party was hunting through the dense broom which covered a neighboring hill, and while this investigation was in progress one of the gamekeepers, recalling stories of lambs being carried away by eagles, made his way towards the rocky crags near the crest of the hill. In a crevice in the rocks he saw a tiny shoe, and in a deeper cleft, a little higher up, he found the body of the missing child. The sight was a pitiful one. Both eyes were missing and the child's face was covered with blood. From her right cheek a piece of flesh had been torn away, and on her arms, hands and neck were other wounds which told their own terrible story. On the clothing were found, outlined in the little one's blood, the cruel marks of an eagle's claws and clutched in the baby's tiny hand was a bunch of eagle's feathers. The gamekeeper shouted for his fellow-searchers when he discovered the child's body. Swiftly they gathered round the cleft in the rocks. There they stood silent with horror and sorrow when they saw the child. Some of them, rough, strong, sturdy men, wept. The little one's mother was brought to the spot by the commotion, and before the news could be broken to her she had caught sight of the baby's mangled body. With a heart-broken cry she clasped the little one in her arms. She fainted and had to be carried, unconscious, down the hillside to her cottage. Two years ago an eagle attacked and killed a deer in Sutherlandshire and fed on its body until the keepers drove it off. Lambs are sometimes missed and the skeletons afterwards found in the hillsides. It is 50 years, however, since such a tragedy as that of Saturday occurred.

The Czar Before Miracle Image.
The Czar's 2,000-mile journey through south Russia ended at Moscow on Saturday afternoon with a review of several sapper and engineer battalions in the courtyard of the Nicholas station and a hurried visit to the shrine of the Iberian Virgin and the church in the Kremlin, where he was crowned.

The Czar was met in Moscow with the same patriotic demonstrations that have marked the whole progress of his trip.

The Czar was driven up the hill, passing the Mud City into the White City, through the Red Gate and thence along the Miasnitskaja, the high turreted wall of which encloses the Tartar City. Instead of entering the latter through the Vladimir portal, however, the cortege swung around to the right of the Yellow Iberian gate, where stands the little chapel of Our Lady, before which no Russian passes without stopping and making the sign of the cross and where the Emperor must always go to pray before entering the Kremlin.

He remained there three and one-half minutes before the miracle-working image of the Virgin, whose right cheek shows the mark of the Tartar sword, while outside 20,000 to 30,000 persons within sight of the entrance continually crossed themselves. Thence the Czar passed into the Tartar City, across the Red Square, in the center of which still stands the executive block, opposite the tower on the top of the crenelated wall of the Kremlin, from which John the Terrible watched the heads of his victims fall.

The Czar then passed on to the church of Basil the Blessed, called the most beautiful church in the world, where Napoleon stabled his horses, and to the gate of Our Saviour. The Czar, like the ordinary mujik, obeyed the order given by Emperor Alexis in 1647 that no one must pass through into the Kremlin without uncovering and reverently removed his cap as he drove under the portal into the tangled assemblage of monasteries, churches and palaces which crown the hill.

Inside the Kremlin there were no troops except the regular sentinels of the Grenadier Corps. The Czar did not visit the Imperial palace, which drove rapidly across the terrace, which overlooks the shining city and the river flowing at its base. Just beyond the Petit Palace, where his grandfather was born, the Czar and his suite alighted and he entered the Church of Assumption.

After a Te Deum had been sung he knelt upon the identical spot where he received the crown of his fathers, under the colossal image of God painted in the cupola, and there, amid incense and burning censers, prayed for victory for Russian arms and received the blessing of the Metropolitan. Then he arose and moved reverently forward and kissed the image of the Virgin, which Vladimir brought to Moscow to protect the city upon the approach of Timour and the golden horde.

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